(c) if so, the details in this regard and the persons responsible for the losses?

THE NINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Delhi Development Authority (DDA) have reported that 38 plots in Sector 25, Pocket 7 Rohini were carved out and allotted to persons recommended by Government of NCT of Delhi for alternative allotment in lieu of acquisition of their land. Earlier, the plots of smaller size had been proposed on this site for disposal through auction. Since the approval of the competent authority for change of lay out plan had not been taken, the allotments have been cancelled. A vigilance enquiry has been ordered in the matter to fix responsibility for change in lay out plan without the approval of the competent authority leading to disposal of plots by allotment instead of auction.

Kolkata Mega City Project

423. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the action taken so far on Kolkata Mega City Project received from the West Bengal Government?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): The Ministry has not received Kolkata Mega City Project from West Bengal Government However, Kojkata is provided Central assistance for its infrastructural development under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities. Ever since 1993-94, Kolkata Mega City has been provided Central assistance of Rs. 274.25 crores. It includes Central assistance of Rs. 46.17 crores for 2004-05.

As per available information, State level Sanctioning Committee for Kolkata Mega City has so far sanctioned 122 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 1118.17 crores. Of these, 75 projects have been completed. Work on 37 projects is in progress and work on 10 projects is yet to commence.

Unallotted Minto Road Press pool quarters

424. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Minto Road Press pool quarters of different types remained unallotted during February, 2003 to March, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the loss suffered by Government as a result thereof; and

(c) the name and designation of the officers of the said press who has been notified to act as the Estate Officer under Section 3 of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 in the Official Gazette?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Number of vacant quarters under Minto Road Press pool during February 2003 to March 2004 is as under-

Type	I	II	III	IV	V
Number	NIL	37	27	8	1

As the vacancies were a result of the Government's plan to re-develop the Minto Road area, the question of loss incurred by the Government on this account does not arise.

(c) As per S.0.1949 published in the Gazette of India dated 1st August 1987, Manager, Government of India Press (Letter Press Unit), Minto Road, New Delhi has been appointed as Estate Officer in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 in respect of the Public premises including land and buildings under his administrative control.

Model Municipal Laws

425. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drafted a Model 'Municipal Law for adoption by the States/UTs;

(b) if so, the salient provisions of the proposed model law; and

(c) whether Government have circulated the draft law amongst the States/ UTs to elicit their views and comments thereon?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient provisions of the Model Municipal law are:—

- Constitution of municipal areas and classification of municipalities.